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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF
MICROBES AND DETERMINING THEIR PHYSIOLOGICAL STATUS
RE: FORMALITIES LETTER - CONFIRMATION NO. 5178

RESPONSE

March 25, 2002

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 14, 2002, submitted herewith is a substitute specification, in which the Claims commence on a separate sheet, and a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to the above, he is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney of record at (801) 521-3200 collect.

Respectfully submitted,

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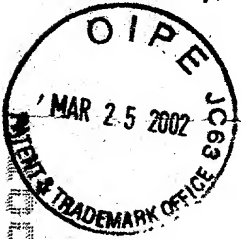
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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